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## IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. **(Currently Amended)** A method of alerting a customer's line comprising the step of:

querying a database to determine whether to carry out a step of a developing called number ID signal;

based on said step of querying, developing a signal representative of called number ID to form a called number ID signal coded by means of FSK modulation; and sending said called number ID signal to a line to which one or more POT CPE is connected.

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2. **(Deleted)**

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3. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1 further comprising a step of sending an alert signal to said POT CPE.

4. **(Original)** The method of claim 3 wherein said alert signal is commingled with said called number ID signal.

5. **(Original)** The method of claim 4 wherein said alert signal comprises one or more ringing signal bursts.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 5 where said commingling places said called number ID signal following a first ringing-signal burst of said one or more ringing signal bursts.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of sending to said POT CPE one or more special service messages that indicate

(a) whether a connection to said POT CPE is sought to be established to a called number that is listed in a directory that is accessible to everyone,

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- (b) whether a connection to said ~~POT~~ CPE is sought to be established to a called number that is unlisted in said directory,
- (c) the calling number that seeks to establish a connection with said ~~POT~~ CPE,
- (d) time of day, or
- (e) type of call.
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8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein said type of call is taken from a set that includes collect call, international calls, calls, fax calls, modem calls, and credit card calls.

9. (New) The method of claim 5 where said commingling places said called number ID signal ahead of a first ringing-signal burst of said one or more ringing signal bursts.